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REMARKS

Enclosed is new Declaration in compliance with MPEP § 602.01 and 602.02.

The rejection of claims 6 and 7 is rendered moot by the cancellation of

those claims.

Claim 1 has been replaced with new claim 9.

Claims 1-3 and 5-7 were rejected as being unpatentable over Bencriscutto.

This rejection is respectfully traversed. Independent claim 1 has been replaced by

claim 9. Claim 9 calls for a ridge member having an uppermost planar surface

between the convex outer side wall and the concave inner side wall. The claim also

states that the uppermost planer surface extends between an upper end and a lower

end and slopes downwardly towards the concavity from the convex outer side wall to

the concave innerside wall. No such arrangement is suggested in Bencriscutto

since his ridge member is semicircular, does not have upper and lower ends, and

does not slope in the claimed manner.

Claims 1-5 were rejected as being unpatentable over Turnblull. This rejection

is respectfully traversed. The reference does not suggest the claimed ridge member

having concave inner and outer side walls with an uppermost planar surface

extending between an upper and a lower end.

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Claim 8 was rejected as unpatentable over the above references in view of

Boyce. Since parent claim 9 is patentable for the above reasons, dependent claim 8

is also patentable.

For these reasons it is submitted that this application is now in condition

for allowance.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please

charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No.34584US1.

Respectfully submitted,

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